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Honorable Norman Sisisky  
Member, United States House of Representatives  
309 County Street, Suite 204  
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

Dear Congressman Sisisky:

This is in reply to your letter of October 20, 1993, on behalf of your constituent, Jane M. Reuter. Ms. Reuter is concerned that the relaxation of regulations regarding prohibited communication within the amateur radio service, as stated in Section 97.113 of the Commission's Rules 47 C.F.R. § 97.113, will result in congestion on amateur service frequencies.

The Commission released a Report and Order (R&O) in PR Docket 92-136, July 28, 1993, concerning communications prohibited by Section 97.113. The new rules, which became effective September 12, 1993, provide amateur operators greater flexibility for public service and personal communications without altering the nature and purpose of the amateur service. The majority of comments filed during this proceeding indicate that the amateur service community supports the relaxation of restrictions against prohibited communications. A copy of the R&O is enclosed.

These new regulations will require greater responsibility for self-regulation on the part of amateur operators. Historically, however, amateur operators have demonstrated a willingness and ability to maintain the level of integrity required for this relaxation of the rules. We believe that the amateur service and the general public will benefit from these rule changes.

I trust this is responsive to your inquiry.

Sincerely,  
*Beverly H. Baker*

for Ralph A. Haller  
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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October 20, 1993

Ms. Ellen Rafferty  
Congressional Liaison Specialist  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20554


Dear Ms. Rafferty:

I have enclosed a copy of the correspondence I have received from Jane Reuter, Portsmouth Amateur Radion Club, 2836 Hreenwood Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23321.

Please examine the contents and answer the questions raised.

Please respond to my staff at 309 County Street, Suite 204, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704.

Sincerely,

  
NORMAN SISISKY  
Member of Congress

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July 22, 1993  
The Honorable Norman Sisisky  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Sisisky,  
Concern for availability of  
frequencies for Amateur radio use  
is currently paired with the  
relaxation on scope of permissible  
communications (PR Docket 92-135).  
The "personal communications  
needs" could engage the frequencies  
for ordering food and/or making  
appointments - Thus causing frequency  
traffic jam! Satisfying personal  
needs can be done via telephones,  
fax machines, and other devices.  
Please keep the Amateur Radio  
frequencies for the public service  
projects and related communications.  
We need your attention and support  
in this protection of frequencies.  
Thank you for your time and interest.  
Yours truly,  
Janet M. Reuter N4QYZ